

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 WARSAW 01503 191551Z

43

ACTION SY-07

INFO OCT-01 EUR-25 ISO-00 USSS-00 SCA-01 A-01 OPR-02 EB-11

DOT-00 FAA-00 CAB-09 JUSE-00 TRSE-00 SCCT-02 SS-20

NSC-07 INR-10 CIAE-00 NSA-02 PER-05 SSO-00 /103 W

----- 011717

R 191522Z MAR 74

FM AMEMBASSY WARSAW

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8164

INFO AMCONSUL FRANKFURT

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE WARSAW 1503

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ASEC, PL

SUBJECT: MFA ALERTS EMBASSY TO KIDNAPPING THREAT

1. ACTING DIRECTOR PAWLISZEWSKI OF MFA DEPARTMENT III (NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICA) CALLED IN THE POLITICAL COUNSELOR ON MARCH 19 TO INFORM HIM THAT THE GOP HAS RECEIVED A REPORT THAT ARAB TERRORISTS ARE PLANNING TO KIDNAP AN AMERICAN DIPLOMAT IN POLAND WHO WOULD BE HELD UNTIL ROBERT KENNEDY'S ASSASSIN, SIRHAN SIRHAN, IS RELEASED FROM PRISON. PAWLISZEWSKI SAID THE GOP DOES NOT ATTACH MUCH CREDIBILITY TO THE REPORT, BUT WISHED TO SHARE IT WITH US. HE ADDED THAT ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RECEIVED WOULD BE PASSED TO US IMMEDIATELY.

2. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS, PAWLISZEWSKI SAID THE GOP WAS NOT TAKING ANY SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS BECAUSE IT WAS CONVINCED THAT ITS SYSTEM OF LAW AND ORDER WAS ADEQUATE TO DETER WOULD-BE TERRORISTS AND TO HANDLE ANY PROBLEMS OF THIS NATURE THAT MIGHT ARISE. HE SAID THAT ONLY A FEW ARAB TOURISTS VISIT POLAND AND THAT THERE ARE VERY FEW ARAB STUDENTS RESIDING IN POLAND. HE DECLINED TO SPECULATE ON THE PROCEDURES THE GOP WOULD FOLLOW IF SUCH A KIDNAPPING

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 WARSAW 01503 191551Z

OCCURRED.

3. THE POLITICAL COUNSELOR OBSERVED THAT WE HAD NOTED EARLIER THE SAME DAY THAT THE AUTHORITIES AT OKECIE AIRPORT WERE REQUIRING ALL DEPARTING INTERNATIONAL PASSENGERS TO PASS THROUGH ELECTRONIC ANTI-HIJACKING DETECTION GATES, WHEN NORMALLY WEEL OVER HALF OF ALL INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS WERE BOARDED WITHOUT SUCH PASSENGER CHECKS, WHICH PREVIOUSLY WERE ADMINISTERED ONLY UPON THE REQUEST OF AIRLINE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STRICTER CONTROLS AT OKECIE AND IMPLIED THAT THIS WAS NOT RELATED TO THE KIDNAPPING REPORT.

4. COMMENT: WE THINK IT STRANGE THAT ARAB TERRORISTS WOULD ATTEMPT A KIDNAPPING IN A COMMUNIST COUNTRY WHERE POLICE CONTROLS ARE HIGHLY DEVELOPED AND CENTRALIZED AND WHERE SUPPORTING AND CONCEALING SUCH AN OPERATION BOTH BEFORE AND AFTER THE ATTEMPT WOULD BE EXCEEDINGLY DIFFICULT. NEVERTHELESS, THE FACT THAT THE MFA HAS CHOSEN TO ALERT US AND THE HEIGHTENED ANTI-HIJACKING CONTROLS AT WARSAW AIRPORT SUGGEST THAT WE SHOULD AT A MINIMUM TAKE NORMAL PRECAUTIONS. WE HAVE ADVISED ALL AMERICAN PERSONNEL IN WARSAW, POZNAN, AND KRAKOW TO BE ALERT TO THIS THREAT AND TO REPORT IMMEDIATELY TO THE EMBASSY AND TO THE POLISH POLICE ANY UNUSUAL PRESENCE OR MOVEMENT OF PERSONS OF VEHICLES NEAR THEIR RESIDENCES.
DAVIES

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: n/a
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 19 MAR 1974
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: morefirh
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1974WARSAW01503
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: n/a
From: WARSAW
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1974/newtext/t19740331/aaaabcva.tel
Line Count: 86
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE
Office: ACTION SY
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: morefirh
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 07 MAY 2002
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <07 MAY 2002 by shawdg>; APPROVED <02 JUL 2002 by morefirh>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: MFA ALERTS EMBASSY TO KIDNAPPING THREAT
TAGS: ASEC, PL
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005